Covenant

We, the members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greensboro, do covenant to:

- Promote a search for personal meaning, respecting individual truth in a community process of quest.
- Speak and act with caring, courtesy and love thereby maintaining emotional, physical and spiritual safety for all.
- Support UUCG and denominational efforts with our resources.
- Combat injustice while promoting equality.
- Nurture our children on their spiritual journey.
- Hold ourselves to this covenant, especially during times of conflict and disagreement.

If you are interested in joining our Church, please see the visitor's table in the foyer or contact Ann Dickinson at 674-2035 or ardpuppy2@aol.com.

CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Eric Posa Interim Minister

> Mark Freundt Director of Music

Beth Walden
Director of Faith Development

Julie Hamilton
Congregational Administrator

Walter McCorey Sexton

Donya Lucas & Hunter Poole Child Care

Unitarian Universalist Church of Greensboro

"Flow Like Water" Rev Eric Posa



September 18, 2011

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greensboro is to create a welcoming and supportive spiritual community.

We seek to:

Enrich our collective and individual search for truth and meaning, act upon our shared values in the larger community and affirm one another with caring, empathy and love.

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*GATHERING SONGS...

"Fuente de Amor" (see insert)
"Lleva la llama" (see insert)

*PASSING THE PEACE

Announcements

WELCOMING GUESTS

SOUNDING OF THE BOWL

PRELUDE

"Rhythmic Rain"

CHALICE LIGHTING

SPOKEN UNISON AFFIRMATION:

Love is the doctrine of this church, the quest for truth its sacrament, and service its prayer. To dwell together in peace, to seek truth in freedom, and to serve humankind in fellowship to the end that all souls may grow into harmony with the divine—this we do covenant with one another.

READING...

Jewish parable author unknown

*OPENING HYMN...

1046 "Shall We Gather at the River"

RESPONSIVE READING...

#536

SHARING OF JOYS AND SORROWS

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND PRAYER

MEDITATION HYMN...

"Fuente de Amor"

Reading...

Tao Te Ching, Ch. 8

CELEBRATING OUR ABUNDANCE...
WATER COMMUNION

SHARING OUR ABUNDANCE...

Note: Half of today's cash in plate collection will go to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

READING...

Buddhist story author unknown

MUSICAL OFFERING...

"Hold Me, Rock Me"

Brian Tate

HOMILY...

"Flow Like Water" Rev. Eric Posa

*CLOSING HYMN... # 1064 "Blue Boat Home"

*Benediction and hymn... "Lleva la llama"

POSTLUDE



We express thanks to all those who participated in today's service:

Service Leader: Charlotte Hamlin
Ushers: Roger Galloway, Audrey Ihrig, Suzanne Deerin
Readers: London Courter, Barbara Hands
Worship Committee Liaison: Jac Grimes
Flowers have been given by Janet Plummer in honor of
her daughter Janilee's birthday.

Listening devices and large print hymnals are available on request.

Announcements

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (NomCom) is looking for volunteers! We will be creating a sub-committee to begin the important work of leadership development. We will be using a wonderful program from the UUA titled, "A Tapestry of Faith by *Gail Tittle, Matt Tittle & Gail Forsyth-Vail*". This will be for anyone in the church who would like to be more involved in our work and for those already on a committee but feel the need for guidance in leadership skills and philosophy. We need a committee to start the process and help facilitate meetings. Please contact either co-chair Betsy Lindsey 854-0730 or betsylindsey1@gmail.com or Sue Cole at 854-3346 or suelyle@bellsouth.net if you are interested. On behalf of NomCom, Thank You!

PEANUT BUTTER UPDATE: Thanks to everyone who contributed the 55 pounds of peanut butter that Becky Floyd delivered to the Greensboro Urban Ministry for UUCG's monthly collection for August 2011. Let's keep up the good work!

ATTRACTIONS COUPON BOOKS – The Social Action Committee will be selling Attractions books. The cost is \$25 each, all profits go to the Shepherd's Center of Greensboro, a non-profit interfaith volunteer organization working to, among other things, involve and sustain older people 60+ or retired who desire to live independently in the community.

THE TASTE OF THAI Dinner outing is full. Thank you.

SINGERS WANTED! If you enjoy singing and fellowship, UUCG choir has a place for you. Come explore our faith through the diversity of music styles, texts and languages. Note reading is not required (however, please contact Mark Freundt at uucgdirmu@bellsouth.net for a private meeting to determine pitch matching and range). Generally, rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 p.m. and the choir sings most Sundays at the main worship service.

"A NEW GROUP CALLING ITSELF THE "HEALING TOUCH CIRCLE" – will offer energy healing at the church on the first and fourth Wednesdays of each month, starting in September.

EXPRESSIONS begins on Wednesday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m. Mike Canners will perform instrumental work including Celtic harp selections.

FALL FOOD DRIVE – another opportunity to help feed the hungry in Greensboro will occur on Saturday, September 17th at the Food Lion Store at 4652 West Market Street. The church will need at least 4 volunteers for 2 hour shifts to collect non-perishable groceries from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for the Greensboro Urban Ministry. Please contact Becky Floyd at 852-3592 or rfloyd2@triad.rr.com to volunteer.

SEPTEMBER 17th, CONGREGATIONAL FITNESS; there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway for anyone interested in taking this class. For additional information contact Marie Houck at marie.houck@gmail.com.

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE – starting September 25th, Worship Service times will be 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

UUCG THEATRE OUTING: Join other UUers at the Greensboro's South Elm St. Theatre District on Thursday, September 29th, for the Broach Theatre's production of "Tuna Does Vegas." We will meet at Grey's Tavern, 343 S. Elm St. at 6:15 p.m. for dinner and fellowship (reasonable prices; great food), then walk two blocks for the 8:00 p.m. performance. Sign up on the church bulletin board, or phone 855-8018 after August 30th. Tickets for parties of 10 or more are \$16 apiece. Please get your money to Phoenix Harmony no later than September 19th.

REQUESTS FOR CARE FORMS can be found on the Care Table near the back window in the sanctuary, or at the back of the foyer. If you need help with visits, food delivery, transportation, etc. from our Care Team, or if you feel the need to talk to one of our Pastoral Care Associates about other life issues, please complete a form and place it in the Care Box found in the foyer. You will be contacted shortly and all requests will be completely confidential.

Sunday Counts

August 28th, 2011 – Adults: No Count Taken; Children: 17 Collection \$2,310.00 August Collection: \$14,282.66 Monthly Expenses: Approx. \$23,000.00

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR HEART THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. MILITARY WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ IN SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY:

Spc. Douglas Green, 23, Sterling, Virginia Spc. Michael Roberts, 23, Watauga, Texas Pvt. 1st Class Jesse Dietrich, 20, Venus, Texas Pvt. 1st Class Brandon Mullins, 21, Owensboro, Kentucky Sgt. Andrew Tobin, 24, Jacksonville, Illinois 1st Lt. Timothy Steele, 25, Duxbury, Massachusetts